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RUTHERFORDTON, N. C. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1870.

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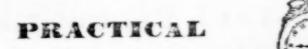
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1870

The Republican Party in
North Carolina.

We regret very much to chronicle the condition of the Republican party in this State, but we must acknowledge, (no matter how much we dislike to do so) that this glorious old party is trembling on the brink of ruin.

We love the principles of the Republican party, and would glory in seeing them maintained throughout the length and breadth of this glorious Union, and extended all over the world, but unless something should take place to check the wild and reckless course of the leaders of the party in this State, we can not hope for anything else but to see those noble principles trampled under foot, and the aristocratic principles of the Democratic party, govern our State.

The picture is truly discouraging to the honest Republicans of the State, but so far, no step has been taken to rescue the party from ruin; their hopes for a change for the better, are only fostered to be blasted. The various reasons and causes, why the Republican party in this State has been growing weaker instead of stronger, may be easily discerned by the most casual observer.

It is useless for us to attempt to point out these various causes for our downward tendency, but we must call the attention of the Republicans of this State, to some things that must be done, or the party will be ruined forever.

It cannot nor will not be denied that the course of Gov. HOLDEN, has been the chief cause of the present demoralized condition of the Republican party.

We have frequently been informed, that Gov. HOLDEN, when in conversation with leading Republicans concerning the condition of the party, says that "his appointments had ruined him," and we can add with deep regret well nigh ruined the Republican party.

We say such a man ought not to be entrusted to lead the party, and unless he is forced by the Republicans to surrender the leadership into the hands of men of honesty, ability and character, he will sink the party into oblivion. He should be required to take a back seat, and not entrusted to the lead of the party.

Again something must be done to redeem the State credit, and the wisdom of the Republican members of the Legislature should be fully and freely exercised, upon this important subject. The remedy is in their hands and the people look to them to apply it, outside of the Legislature there is no chance for anything to be done in this respect.

The investigation of fraud, no matter of what character or where it may be charged, should be pursued rigidly, and continued until the last charge has been investigated and the evils (if there be any) remedied.

The question of power between the Gov. and Superintendent of Public Works, should be settled at once, and the latter invested with all of the powers and rights that belong to his office. We could mention many other things that ought to be done, before the Republican party will be entirely safe, but we think we have enumerated only what is inevitable, in rescuing the party from ultimate defeat and ruin. Let these things be done, and that without delay, the party will then be in a condition to rise, and with proper management in future, we will have more than glad tidings of victory sounded from the seashore to the mountains.

The Standard and Jimmie Justice.

We notice in the *Standard*, of Jan. 26th, the following attack upon our worthy representative, Mr. J. M. Justice:

"Mr. Justice of Rutherford, in obedience to the behests of his masters—the Logans—has made a feeble attack upon the *Standard*. Mr. Justice is too small a man to be worthy of our serious attention, and we can afford to let

"Little Ambition" blow off his wind unnoticed. He is very "small potatoe and few in a hill."

We read this attack upon Mr. Justice, with some surprise, for we could not imagine in what way he had made the attack upon the *Standard*, but this we could see plain enough, although the *hired editor* of the *Standard* attempted to make light of it, Jimmie had said, or done something that hurt.

The *Standard*, (as usual) did not explain in what way Mr. J. had made the attack upon him, and the reason was, that Jimmie had stepped upon somebodies toes, and from the proceedings in the House on the 26th of January, we find that the *Standard's toes* had been stepped upon.

As will be seen by reading the proceedings of the House on the 26th of Jan., the fight between Jimmie and the *Standard*, was commenced, by the introduction in the House by Jimmie, of a resolution requesting MILTON SWINDLER to resign as State Printer. That is what hurt PIKE so bad, we can see into it plain enough now. Jimmie was rather getting after his master MILTON SWINDLER, and of course the *hired Editor* did not like that at all, but the fight had commenced and PIKE put to work all his forces, to save his master, MILTON SWINDLER. So we find in the same *Standard* of the 26th Jan., in which PIKE, indirectly, appeals to the members of the Legislature with much feeling, and a sprinkling of doubt, not to pass these resolutions requesting his beloved Master MILTON SWINDLER to resign, but to kick out of the Republican party, Jimmie Justice, and all such Republicans who are weak minded and not willing for his beloved master to *swindle* the expenses of the State. Would it not be well for the Legislature to consider this subject?

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Raleigh, Jan. 28, 1870.
Hon. Tod R. Caldwell,
President of the Senate:
Sir:—I have the honor to receive the following resolutions, passed in the Senate, Dec. 9th, A.D. 1869.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State, be and he is hereby requested to report to the Senate without delay, what sums of money have been paid by him to each of the Code Commissioners, since their appointment, at what time they began to draw pay, and for what months, naming each month, for which they have drawn pay as commissioners as aforesaid. In compliance, I have simply to state, the following facts as recorded, on the books of this department.

Messrs. Tougee and Barringer have been paid regularly from Jane 1868, to November 1869 both inclusive being for eighteen months at the rate of \$200 per month or \$3600 each. Mr. Rodman from June 1868 to June 1869 both inclusive being for thirteen months, at the same rate \$2000, making a total paid as salary to the Code Commissioners of \$9,800.

Very Respectfully,
D. A. JENKINS,
State Treasurer.

Dare County.

The Legislature has passed a bill which if ratified by a majority of the voters in the district to be incorporated, will create a new county, to be called Dare. This county is to be made of territory taken from the counties of Currituck, Tyrrell and Hyde.

Virginia.

The Congress has passed a bill admitting Virginia again into the Union, but has in doing required the ratification of the 15th amendment, and that no law shall be passed that will take away any of the privileges belonging to all the citizens of the State.

Something Wrong.

We have received several letters from our friends in Raleigh, stating that they had not seen the *STAR* since the election, and wanting to know what was the matter.

We cannot understand what this means, for we have been publishing the *STAR* regularly for the last three weeks, and copies have been sent regularly to both subscribers and exchanges. The fault must be in the mails. We did miss one or two numbers, on account of having to make a change in our quarters, but we are happy to say, that we are now settled, and shall make the *STAR* as lively and interesting as possible. We hope we will be all right in the future.

The Vindicator and the Standard.

It is amusing to see how friendly the *Vindicator* and the *Standard* have become, since the Senatorial election in this district. Both seem overjoyed at the result, and are equally happy in the defeat of the Republicans. The *Vindicator* copies from the *Standard* freely and without comment, and PIKE the *hired editor* of the *Standard* (a good Democrat) abuses the *STAR*, and boasts over the defeat of the Republicans in this district.

Now we have a suggestion to make to the editors of the *Vindicator* and *Standard* and as they are both good Democrats, we hope that they will accept of our pro-

position. It is this—we propose that PIKE the *hired editor* of the *Standard*, come up before next August, and run for the Senate in this district and that Maj. ERWIN the editor of the *Vindicator* be the candidate for the House of Representatives. This would make a brilliant ticket for the Democrats, and they would have their two strongest defenders of their principles in the field. Now this would be a jolly old race wouldn't it. PIKE would lay aside his castilian fount, and substitute some of GARRET's best, and we know it would be ticklerish times sure.

PIKE makes out sometimes, like he was a Republican, now we tell him if he has any Republican blood in him, and wishes to see the party prosper, all he has to do is to advocate the election of Democrats to office, and get out HOLDEN, MILTON SWINDLER and their pets, as Democratic candidates, and come up and run for the Senate on the ticket with the editor of the *Vindicator*, in this district, the Republican party would be safe, we could easily carry the district by twelve hundred, but as long as this *hired editor* advocates the election of the Republicans the Democrats will gain strength.

The Code Commissioners.

We publish below a letter from the State Treasurer to Hon. T. R. CALDWELL President of the Senate in regard to the salaries paid to the Code Commissioners.

We have no doubt but that the Code Commissioners have done their duty to the letter, but we are of opinion that their further services might be dispensed with, and thereby lessen to some extent the expenses of the State. Would it not be well for the Legislature to consider this subject?

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After some further debate the substitute offered by Harris, of Wake, col. was put to a vote and rejected of yeas 34, nays 50.

Mr. Justice called the previous question upon his resolution.

The call being sustained the resolution was put to a vote adopted by the following ballot:

YEAS.—Argo, Armstrong, Barnes, Boddie, Carson, Clayton, Davidson, Durham, Ellis, Farrow, Ferree, Gatling, Gibson, Gilbert, Green, Grier, Harris, of Franklin, Harris, of Wake, Hawkins, Hicks, High, Hinton, Hodnett, Humphries, Ingram, Jarvis, Justice, of Rutherford, Kelly, of Davie, Leary, Long, of Chatham, Long, of Richmond, Malone, Matheson, McMillan, Mendenhall, Moore, of Alamance, Nicholson, Painter, Proffitt, Roberson, Shaver, Smith, of Alleghany, Smith, of Martin, Smith, of Wayne, Snipes, Stanton, Vestal, Waltrip, Welch, Whitley, Williams, of Harnett.—Yea 52.

NAYS.—Ames, Ashworth, Barnett, Blair, Cherry, Dixon, Downing, Eagles, Forkner, Foster, French, Gahagan, Gunter, Hayes, Hendricks, Hodgin, Hoffman, Horney, Kelly, of Moore, Mayo, Moore, of Chowan, Morrill, Pearson, Peck, Proctor, Ragland, Rea, Sinclair, Simonds, Sweat, Sykes, Vest, White, Williamson, Wilson.—Nays 34.

CORRE FONDENCE.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 23d. 1870.

Weather—Virginia—Female Suffrage Convention, Lowell factory girl, and a Sixteenth Amendment—Postal Telegraph—Labor Organization—Franking privilege—go.

There is so much to write about from Washington just at present, that a correspondent is in more of a dilemma in determining what not to write about than he is at this time to find something to write about. The anxiety attending the long delay in the admission of Virginia and rumors about Georgia; the postal telegraph System and the abolition of the Franking privilege; the World's Fair movement, and the proposed Territorial government for the District of Columbia; the Letter Carriers Convention, and the Woman's National Suffrage Convention, held here last week, and a lot of other things of National importance, are

The Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Justice arose to a question

in regard to the attack on him by the *Standard*, the allegation he pronounced as false and cowardly. During his remarks he said that the *Standard* in doing the printing was charging enormous and was perpetrating a swindle upon the people, &c., &c. He denounced Littlefield and his partisans in bitter terms, and charged that they were bringing disgrace upon the Republican party.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Whitley, for Committee on Corporations reported upon several bills which were placed upon the Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

By Mr. Justice: A bill to amend chapter 184 Pub. Laws 1868-69. Referred.

By Mr. Vest: A bill to compel officers to place convicts in the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Vest, the rules were suspended and after some debate the bill was referred to the Committee on Penal Institutions.

CALENDAR.

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Franklin Academy, taken up and passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Justice, the rules were suspended and the following resolution introduced by himself yesterday, was taken up: Whereas there appears in the public laws of 1868-69 an act to authorize His Excellency, the Governor to appoint a State Printer: And, Whereas, the members of this House never intended to pass any such act, Therefore

Resolved, That we regard the appointment of M. S. Littlefield as State Printer and Binder as creating a monopoly contrary to the true meaning and intention of the constitution.

Resolved, That M. S. Littlefield be and he is hereby respectfully requested to resign as State Printer and Binder, to the end that this General Assembly may provide for the State printing and binding when an honest man refused to suppor a dishonest measure to suit the dishonest purposes of a few dishonest men, then he wished to see the party die and would help to kill it, &c. He concluded by charging that there had been serious frauds perpetrated in the publication of the laws.

Mr. Justice said he introduced the resolution from the purest motives. It was well known that the act as it appears published in the Public Laws of 1868-69, was not such a law as this House intended to pass, &c.

He was authorized to say that the State printing could be done for much less and the binding done for just one half of what the present State Printer now charges the State.

He regarded the act referred to as violating the constitution by creating a monopoly, &c.

He could not be an honest man

and Republican endorse the conduct of M. S. Littlefield, and call upon the members as representatives of the people, to examine this matter thoroughly and then as guardians of the peoples, interest to act as their conscience directed.

Mr. Sinclair opposed the resolution, and made remarks in defense of the course of M. S. Littlefield, and called upon the members as representatives of the people, to examine this matter thoroughly and then as guardians of the peoples, interest to act as their conscience directed.

Mr. Smith, of Martin, moved to make the matter a special order for Monday at 11 o'clock, but if a vote was forced to-day, he should be compelled to vote for the resolution.

Mr. Ingram supported the resolution. During his remarks he said that while this House was engaged in making huge appropriations, General Littlefield and Ladd were always on hand; there was no difficulty in finding them, but now these gentlemen were making themselves exceeding scarce, and (he Mr. Ingram) thought that the State printing had been mismanaged as well as Railroad bonds, and he thought the circumstances surrounding this matter as well as Railroad matters went to prove there had been foul play, &c. He opposed the motion to postpone.

Harris of Wake, col., spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Hinnant (Chairman of Committee on Enrollment), arose to a question of privilege. His attention being called to a law giving the Governor the power to appoint a State Printer, he went immediately to the Secretary's office and examined the enrolled bills; on examination found the enrolled bill properly endorsed with his genuine signature, he then made a search for the engrossed bill and failed to find it, though he found that the bill had passed the Senate on the 9th of April, 1869, and had been properly endorsed, but there was no endorsement to show that it had

been sent to the House at any time, &c. The flow business at the close of last session was the cause of the Committee on Enrollment Bills not having examined the original bill as they should have done, &c.

Mr. Smith, of Martin, withdrew his motion to postpone.

Harris, of Wake, col., offered a substitute raising a special Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Justice Ames and Argo, to investigate any alleged mismanagement of the affairs of the office.

Mr. Downing opposed the resolution and charged that the introduction of it was actuated by motives of personal hostility, &c.

Mr. Justice denied the charge, saying that because he had the nerve and manliness to protest against the continuance of this swindle upon the people, the *Standard*, assisted by its pets in this House, was endeavoring to drown him down. He was actuated by no personal motive, but Littlefield was charged all over this State (and out of it too) with being a corrupt man, and guilty of stupendous frauds, and instead of meeting those charges like an honest man, (if he is one) boldly confronting his accusers and darning them to the proof, he abandons and shirks all investigation.

The records of the Court would show that he gave a fictitious note for illegal purposes. If the Republican party expected to live and thrive in this State they would have to throw overboard dishonest leaders and show they intended to act honestly by the people. If the Republican party required him to stifle his own convictions of right and wrong, and endeavor to apply to the party lash when an honest man refused to suppor a dishonest measure to suit the dishonest purposes of a few dishonest men, then he wished to see the party die and would help to kill it, &c. He concluded by charging that there had been serious frauds perpetrated in the publication of the laws.

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Hollow, N. C.; W. Wilson, Chimney Rock, N. C.;
Rev. W. H. Logan, Bals Creek, N. C.

Geo. D. Prentiss of the Louisville Journal is dead, thus has passed away one of the oldest Knights of the Quill in the United States.

THE WAR IN SPARTANBURG.—We learn that the war in Spartanburg, S. C. between the U. S. forces and the distillers continues. We have many rumors, but do not know any facts in the case.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—The schedule of the Mail on the route from this place to Cherryville, has been changed so as to arrive at that place, on Tuesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's.

THE SHOW IS COMING.—Our Postmaster received a number of circulars by the last mail from John Robinson, stating that his mammoth Circus and Managerie, will visit Rutherfordton, some time soon. So all had better begin saving their quarters.

THANKS.—We are indebted to our friend Columbus Durham of Wake Forest for a complimentary ticket to the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Euzelian and Philomathic Societies of Wake Forest College, to take place on the 11th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M.

THE ROBESONIAN.—We have received Vol. I. No. 1, of this Journal published at Lumberton, N. C., by W. S. McDiamond, terms \$3 per annum.

The Robesonian presents a neat appearance, is edited with ability, but is Conservative in politics.

THE PENITENTIARY.—The Standard says that there is 121 convicts in the Penitentiary; 4 are in for life, 1 for thirty years, 11 for twenty years, 20 for ten years, 21 for five years, 1 for four years and six months, and the remainder ranging from four years to nine months.

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HANGED.—Lewis Hines, colored was hanged at Tarboro, on Friday the 14th ult., for committing a rape upon a young white girl. Upon the scaffold Hines neither confessed nor denied his guilt.

The execution was private only a few spectators, and guard with some of the condemned man's connections were present.

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must vote for their party, if it did open the Bar Rooms. We hope that they did not know what the real issue was, and that they voted the ticket blind, for it would be like the preacher we once heard of who was found drunk, and being remonstrated with, replied "do as I say, not as I do."

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A GOOD JOKE ON SCENDER.—At the election held for Town officers in this place on the 3rd ult. It was generally understood that the Conservative ticket was in favor of opening the Bar Rooms at a low Tax, perhaps such an one as was to be paid by Merchants, and one of our Bar Rooms was opened on Saturday before to certain voters, in order to win as many votes by Whisky as possible, and on the day of the election the owner of the aforesaid Bar Room was very industrious for his ticket, but the Joke is that four Ministers of the Gospel, good men, and men who have heretofore denounced dram drinking, voted for a concentrated solution of rock salt renders all timber fire-proof. The salt, too, renders wood proof against dry-rot and the ravages of insects.

FIREF-PROOF FURNITURE.—The last scientific announcement in Germany. It is said that a German chemist, acting under a commission from a fire-insurance company, discovered that impregnation with a concentrated solution of rock salt renders all timber fire-proof. The salt, too, renders wood proof against dry-rot and the ravages of insects.

NOTICE.—AS ASSIGNEE IN BANKRUPTCY.—Having met with success, far beyond our expectation, in the publication of the Charlotte Observer, we take this method of offering our papers.

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A wrought iron chimney, 196 feet high and six feet seven inches in diameter, has just been erected in Pittsburgh. Another is to be put up 273 feet high. The first was riveted together in a horizontal position; and then lifted to the perpendicular by a crane. The plates will be riveted by means of a scaffolding running up inside.

A memorial, signed by two thousand citizens of Utah, has been presented in the House of Representatives asking for its admission as a State. It was referred to the Committee on Territories, where a bill is pending for that purpose; but it is said to be probable that Congress will exact as a fundamental condition to admission that polygamy shall be abolished.

TRICK ON THE TRAIN.—Mr. Berber Castleberry, of Morrisville, on Sunday night, was returning from a trip West, when two negroes on the train, between Charlotte and Salisbury, approached him and asked him to change some money. He pulled out his pocket book, when one of the negroes said, "taking hold of it" "there's a counterfeit bill." Mr. C. ordered him to stand aside, when a white man, standing close by said "let me look;" he handed the white man his pocket book, who said it was all right, and handed it to Mr. C. when Mr. C. opened it the next day, fifty dollars were missing.

Mr. C. describes the negro as a round faced, good looking, well dressed man. He has met with such good luck, no doubt he will make his appearance often on the train and ask passengers to change money for him.—Scandal.

REGISTERED LETTERS AND MONEY ORDERS.

Among the recommendations submitted by the postmasters lately in consultation, are the following: In favor of a reduction of the registration fee for letters from 15 to 6 cents; reduction of charges to 5 cents on money orders not above \$10 in amount. The Department is advised to urge the public to use these means of transmission, and especially that attention be called to the ease with which lost or missent letters or packages when registered may be traced; also to the certainty and safety of the money order system, discouraging as far as possible the transmission of money and valuable papers by ordinary letters.—Exchange.

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A Gambling Defaulter in Boston—His Arrest, &c.
The Boston Traveller of Saturday evening has the following particulars of the defalcation in the office of the city treasurer in Boston:

Last year a young man who had but recently returned from California was employed in the City Treasurer's office as temporary clerk. He did his work so well that he was again employed this season, and placed in a most responsible position, the duty of paying interest on the city debt being entrusted to his charge. A large amount in government coupons was placed in his charge, on which he was in the habit of obtaining gold.

A few days ago he suddenly disappeared from his desk, and it is now ascertained that he has been in the hands of the police. The circumstances of his arrest, as reported, are some what peculiar.

Officer Woods, of the First Police Station, was in Court street, not in uniform, on the lookout for two rogues, and overheard two gamblers talk about losses of money by a returned Californian, for whom they appeared to be waiting. Pretty soon one of them said: "Here he comes." The officer in the returned Californian recognized the clerk in the Treasurer's office, and as he and the gamblers went into a noted gambling saloon together, the officer followed them with his coat collar up around his face, that he might not be known.

A front place at the gaming table was given to the treasury clerk, who exchanged \$400 in gold for gaming chips at the current rate for specie. The officer watched him until he had lost all his money. As he got up to leave, the officer heard him say he must get more coupons, which gave him a clew to the fellow's operations.

The next day the officers saw the clerk at the Sub-Treasurer's office, exchanging coupons for gold, obtaining some \$600 or \$700. The officer informed his superior at the station-house, and that night was again at the Court street gambling saloon, where the clerk lost all the money he had that day drawn. Among the spectators, while he was losing his money, was a City Hall detective.

The next day, which was Tuesday, the officer saw the clerk exchange \$2,400 in coupons for gold, and acting by the advice of his superior officer, took him to the station-house. Here the clerk admitted that he was about to go Europe by the next day steamer, and that he had \$5,000 in gold in his desk at the City Hall. The statement has since, we are told, been found to be correct.

He further confessed that he had lost over \$6,000 in four well-known gambling saloons, of the location of which we have been informed.

The Mayor was now informed of the matter, and the officer expressed a desire that he might be employed to get the money from the gamblers, who are represented to be responsible. But the Mayor called in the Chief of Police, who since Tuesday has had charge of the operations for obtaining the money. How much he has obtained has not been made public, though we are told on good authority, at the office of the City Treasurer, that the city will not lose a dollar by the defalcation. As the City Treasurer is responsible for the funds in the City Treasury, this is doubtless true, but it does not follow that the gamblers have been made to disgorge."

The following letter comes to the surface in a Texas paper: "Galveston, January the 7th 1870.—Mr Lovin Wyfe,—I'm comin one nex' weke an hav forgiv yu for jawin me I'll com on the 7 o'clock train, and shal sta one herearter & tri to b a altered man. I want pece & do so yew, whi shoudn't we love each other as we used ter when we were 1st jined together in the wholy bands of madlock, i've jined a temp'rance sersiet but ef yew ever Jaw me agin for comain one i'll wullup yu like 6ty for we must have Peese as grant says.

The Magistrate's Stay-Law Unconstitutional—Opinion of Read, J., in Johnson vs. Winslow.

Read, J. A contract without a remedy in the Courts to enforce it, amounts to nothing. Therefore the law must furnish a remedy. But it need not furnish any particular remedy. The remedy may be changed from time to time for the convenience of the Courts, and for the purposes of justice: and such change does not impair the obligation of contracts.

A change of remedy, not for those purposes, but for the favor of one party at the expense of the other, and which does in fact materially and injuriously effect the rights of a party, impair the obligation of the contract and is void.

From the change in time of the return of the summons, from the unusually long time allowed for the return, and from the discrimination in the class of debts to which the change is allowed, it is apparent that the purpose was unnecessary to delay the plaintiff in the prosecution of his right, and the effect is to impair the obligation of the contract: and therefore the first section of the eighty-sixth chapter of the Acts of 22nd March, 1869, is void. See Jacobs vs. Smallwood, 53 N. C. R.

No error. Judgment affirmed.

Rodman, J. I should dissent from the Court in this case upon the reasoning which I endeavored to maintain in Jacobs vs. Smallwood. I think the control over the remedy belongs exclusively to the State. But I yield to the authority of the decision in that case.

Death of George D. Prentiss.

George Denison Prentiss, the famous Kentucky journalist, for many years the editor of the Louisville Journal, died

at the residence of his son, near Louisville, at an early hour this morning. His health had been poor for several years—latterly very poor—and his death was not unexpected. He was born in Preston, Conn., December 18, 1802. He was educated at, and graduated from, Brown University, in Providence, R. I., forty seven years ago.—He studied law but did not practice. In 1828, he became the editor of "The New England Weekly Review," a literary journal published at Hartford. This publication he continued for two years, and then removed to Louisville, where (in 1831) he became the editor of the paper with which his name and fame have ever since been most intimately connected. Mr. Prentiss has always maintained a high reputation for political ability and for trenchant wit. As a writer of sharp satirical paragraph, cutting and polished like a Damascus blade, he has never had his superior in the American press. He has achieved considerable credit as a poet, many fugitive poems and verses having dropped from his pen, in the course of his long career as an editor.

For a while Mr. Prentiss contributed a department to the New York Ledger, called "Wisdom and Humor," which won for that paper much patronage. During the existence of the Whig party the Louisville Journal was the most able advocate of its policy in the West. Mr. Prentiss died "in harness," as the saying is, retaining an editorial position in the paper he made, and which is now known as the Courier Journal.

One thing at a Time.

Step among your neighbors, reader, and see whether those among them who have got along smoothly, and accumulated property, and gained a good name have not been men who bent themselves to one single branch of business—who brought all their powers to bear upon one point, and built on one foundation. It must be so. Go out in the spring when the sun is yet far distant, and you can scarcely feel the influence of its beams, scattered as they are over the wide face of creation, but collect those beams to a focus, and they kindle up a flame in an instant. So the man that squanders his talents and his strength in many things, will fail to make an impression with either; but let him draw them to a point, let him strike at a single object, and it will yield before him.

Horrible Murder in Brunswick County Va.—A Wife Killed While Sitting in her Own Room.

We learned yesterday evening of a most terrible and diabolical murder, which occurred on Thursday night in Brunswick county, Va., about seven miles above North Gaston, the unfortunate victim being Mrs. Rawlings, wife of Bassett Rawlings, Esq., and sister of Mr. W. P. Taylor, the latter well known in this community and now connected with the Peteburg road. The circumstances of the murder are as follows:

About 7 o'clock on Thursday night, while Mrs. Rawlings was sitting in front of the fire in her room, with some of her children sitting near her, a shot was fired from an unseen hand through a window in the rear load, slugs taken effect just below the shoulder of the unfortunate victim, killing her almost instantly. The murderer made his escape without being seen.

Mr. Rawlings arrived at home—from court where he had been attending through the day—a little while after the occurrence, to find his wife a corpse, and his motherless children weeping over the dead.

Yesterday morning strenuous exertions were made to discover and capture the human fiend suspicion resting on one Harrison Hammon, negro, who had made certain threats because his wife had recently been discharged from service of the family.

Mrs. Rawlings was about

35 years of age, was a native of Brunswick county, has always been considered an estimable lady, and leaves four children, a husband and host of friends to mourn her sad death.—Roanoke News.

Interesting to Pensioners.

On December 27th, the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution directing the Postmaster General to inquire whether the money order system could not be made available for the payment of army pensions. No report has yet been made, but the necessity of some change in the present expensive mode of paying pensions is rendered apparent, by the pressing wants of the pensioners, who frequently, during the winter months have no other resources than the pitance paid them by the government. By this time, it is asserted, sufficient evidence has been obtained of the validity of the claims, and there is no necessity of retaining pension agents who charge a heavy commission for their services.

Another reform that can be introduced, is the payment of pensions at lesser intervals than six months. Very poor persons, in many cases, are obliged to raise money on their papers, at extravagant rates of interest and run the risk of losing their pension altogether. The money order system, it is believed, would permit monthly payments, so that the wants of the suffering widow and orphans could at once be relieved.

East Tennessee.

A Warning to Boys.
The Caleburg (Ia.) Free Press, of December 30th, says: "A case of sudden or violent fright occurred in our neighboring town of Abingdon, on Monday last which should prove a sad and impressive warning to all who are partial in indulging in practical jokes. It seems, from what we can learn, that on that day a party of boys, disguised by hideous masks and grotesque garments, called at the residence of an esteemed lady, Mrs. George H. Marshall, in that place. They entered noiselessly at the back door, and succeeded in frightening an infant almost into convulsions. Mrs. M. hearing the horrified screams of her child, immediately hastened to its assistance, to shield and protect it from harm. In hurrying to her child she suddenly encountered the masked figures, and fell fainting to the floor. She was shortly afterward found by her friends, and proper remedies were administered, but her recovery only witnessed the horrifying fact that she was hopelessly insane. Up to this writing, we regret to say, no lucid

intervals have been developed, and the woman once a happy wife and proud mother, is now a raving maniac, bereft of reason and cowering in fright."

A Hog Catcher in Trouble.

The hog catchers were out a few days since picking up stray swine on the streets to be conveyed to the city pound. They were more than usually successful on the day in question and were in high spirits in consequence. Finally one of them concluded to take a peep through the crack of the prison in which the "porkers" were confined when he was observed to suddenly assume a startled expression and step back a few paces, his dusky visage actually becoming pale from the effect of what he had seen. Stepping up to the cartagin in a few moments he took another peep when he drew back again, his face assuming a ghostly pallor, with the exclamation, "I'll be d—d if that ain't my hog!" It seems that the energetic servant of the city had actually seized his own hog and impounded him, being so intent in his efforts to make a big haul that he failed to discover at the time that it was his own property.

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